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New Trade & Business Opportunities with West African Nation Explored

LANSING- State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) announced today that he will be part of the 2003 State of Michigan Leadership Mission to Ghana which will explore trade and business opportunities with the West African nation. Among those joining Sen. Clarke on the November 12 to 23rd mission will be State Senator Irma Clark-Coleman (D-Detroit), and State Representatives Michael Murphy (D-Lansing) and Bill McConico (D-Detroit).

"I'm looking forward to working alongside some of our state's top business and community leaders to explore new trade opportunities with our friends from Ghana," said Sen. Clarke. "Ghana, like Michigan, is rich in natural resources and offers many exciting trade opportunities."

The Michigan trade mission is designed to coincide with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization trade conference which is taking place in Ghana that same month. Members of the trade mission will spend three days at the conference discussing business opportunities with Ghana and United Nations representatives.

"With our economy struggling, we need to make every effort to explore new business opportunities that help to create jobs and promote economic expansion," said Sen. Clarke. "I'm

hopeful that our mission will lead to new trade agreements that will be mutually beneficial to both our people."

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